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Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)*

Requests for hearing**

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received three requests to petition the Committee on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Peter Hamilton	–	17 July 2015
Betty Lyons, President	American Indian Law Alliance	25 September 2015
Tupac Enrique Acosta	Tonatierra	25 September 2015

* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see ST/CS/SER.A/42).

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Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)*

Requests for hearing**

Further to the requests to petition the Special Political and Decolonization Committee on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (A/C.4/70/2), approved at the Committee's 2nd meeting, on 8 October 2015, the following petitioners were heard:

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*	*Meeting/date petitioner heard*
Peter Hamilton	–	17 July 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Betty Lyons, President	American Indian Law Alliance	25 September 2015	Did not address the Committee
Tupac Enrique Acosta	Tonatierra	25 September 2015	Did not address the Committee

* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see ST/CS/SER.A/42).

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Question of French Polynesia

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received four requests to petition the Committee on the question of French Polynesia as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Richard Ariihau Tuheiava, Elected Member of the Assembly of French Polynesia	Te Apooraa Rahi O Te Fenua Maohi	25 September 2015
Carlyle G. Corbin	The Dependency Studies Project	25 September 2015
Oscar Manutahi Temaru, President	Tavini Huira'atira No Te Ao Maohi and member of the Local House of Assembly of French Polynesia	25 September 2015
Moetai Charles Brotherson, Third Deputy Mayor of Faa'a	–	25 September 2015

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Question of French Polynesia

Requests for hearing*

Further to the requests to petition the Special Political and Decolonization Committee on the question of French Polynesia (A/C.4/70/3), approved at the Committee's 2nd meeting, on 8 October 2015, the following petitioners were heard:

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*	*Meeting/date petitioner heard*
Richard Ariihau Tuheiava, Elected Member of the Assembly of French Polynesia	Te Apooraa Rahi O Te Fenua Maohi	25 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Carlyle G. Corbin	Dependency Studies Project	25 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Oscar Manutahi Temaru, President	Tavini Huira'atira No Te Ao Maohi and member of the Assembly of French Polynesia	25 September 2015	Did not address the Committee
Moetai Charles Brotherson, Third Deputy Mayor of Faa'a	–	25 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015

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Question of Gibraltar

Request for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received a request to petition the Committee on the question of Gibraltar as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Richard Buttigieg, Chairman	Self-Determination for Gibraltar Group	16 September 2015

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Question of Gibraltar

Request for hearing*

Further to the request to petition the Special Political and Decolonization Committee on the question of Gibraltar (A/C.4/70/4), approved at the Committee's 2nd meeting, on 8 October 2015, the following petitioner was heard:

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*	*Meeting/date petitioner heard*
Richard Buttigieg, Chairman	Self-Determination for Gibraltar Group	16 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015

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Question of Guam

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received two requests to petition the Committee on the question of Guam as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker	33rd Guam Legislature	18 September 2015
Lisa Linda Salas Natividad	Guam Decolonization Commission	21 September 2015

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Question of Guam

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received two requests to petition the Committee on the question of Guam as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*	*Meeting/date petitioner heard*
Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker	33rd Guam Legislature	18 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Lisa Linda Salas Natividad	Guam Decolonization Commission	21 September 2015	Did not address the Committee

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Question of New Caledonia

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received four requests to petition the Committee on the question of New Caledonia as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Mickaël Forrest, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Relations	Front de Libération Nationale Kanak et Socialiste (FLNKS)	14 September 2015
Roch Wamytan, President	Union calédonienne-Front de libération nationale kanak et socialiste and Nationalists Group	21 September 2015
Julien Boanemoi, President	Fédération des GDPL (Nouvelle-Calédonie)	21 September 2015
Daryl Morini, Founder	Centre pour le Destin Commun	25 September 2015

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Question of New Caledonia

Requests for hearing*

Further to the requests to petition the Special Political and Decolonization Committee on the question of New Caledonia (A/C.4/70/6), approved at the Committee's 2nd meeting, on 8 October 2015, the following petitions were heard:

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*	*Meeting/date petitioner heard*
Mickaël Forrest, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Relations	Front de libération nationale kanak et socialiste (FLNKS)	14 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Roch Wamytan, President	Union calédonienne-Front de libération nationale kanak et socialiste and Nationalists Group	21 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Julien Boanemoi, President	Fédération des GDPL (Nouvelle-Calédonie)	21 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015
Daryl Morini, Founder	Centre pour le destin commun	25 September 2015	3rd/9 October 2015

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Question of Western Sahara

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received eighty-eight requests to petition the Committee on the question of Western Sahara as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Andrew M. Rosemarine, Barrister		15 July 2015
Inga Marie Nymo Riseth, Vice-President	Norwegian Students' and Academics' International Assistance Fund	28 July 2015
Jan Strömdahl	Föreningen Västsahara	28 July 2015
Rafael Jules Valentinus Maria Custers	GRESEA	28 July 2015
Sidi Ahmed Abdala Mohamed Fadel, President	Adala United Kingdom Non-governmental organization	28 July 2015
Margot Kessler, President	Salma-Hilfe für saharauische Flüchtlingskinder e.V.	4 August 2015
Nancy Huff	Teach the Children International	10 August 2015
Stacy Pearson, President	Protected Future	11 August 2015
Carroll Eads	Capitol Hill Prayer Partners	11 August 2015

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Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Said Ayachi, President	Comité national algérien de solidarité avec le peuple sahraoui	13 August 2015
Arezki Tighilt, Director of International Relations	Rassemblement de la Jeunesse Algérienne	13 August 2015
Donna Sams	Antioch Community Church	24 August 2015
Mohammad Ziad Al-Jabari, President	Palestinian-Moroccan Friendship Society	25 August 2015
Gisli Kr. Björnsson		31 August 2015
Salma El Kassmi, Legal Adviser	Conseil de la Communauté Marocaine à l'Etranger	4 September 2015
Fatma Hossein Chajai	Femme et Jeunesse sahraouie en Belgique	7 September 2015
Eric Cameron, President	World Action for Refugees	8 September 2015
Janet Lenz, Executive Director	Not Forgotten International	8 September 2015
Vanessa Pellegrin		9 September 2015
El Hadji Moctar Haidara, President	Fédération Mondiale des Amis du Sahara Marocain	10 September 2015
Jose Maria Gil Garre, Director of Terrorism Studies	Global Security Institute	10 September 2015
Tanya Warburg, Director	Freedom For All	10 September 2015
Anna Maria Stame Cervone, President	Internazionale Femminile Democratica di Centro	10 September 2015
Brahim Laghzal	Conseil National des Droits de l'Homme Marocain	10 September 2015
Sydney S. Assor, Chairman	Surrey Three Faiths Forum	11 September 2015
Ahmed Nafaâ, President	Association Citoyenneté et Développement humain de Dakhla	11 September 2015
Jane Bahaijoub, Chairman	Family Protection	11 September 2015
Clara R. Riveros		11 September 2015
Brahim El Ahmadi		11 September 2015
Chabbouha Baiba	Forum de la Femme pour l'Egalité et le Développement	11 September 2015
Fatiha Lamine		11 September 2015

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Erik Jensen		11 September 2015
Vanessa Ramos, President	American Association of Jurists	11 September 2015
Manuel Vidal		11 September 2015
Eva Pfoestl		11 September 2015
Sidi El Mokhtar El Kantaoui	Association Marocaine pour le Développement d'Oued Eddahab-Lagouira	11 September 2015
Shaibata Mrabih Rabou		11 September 2015
Maghlaha Dlimi	Coordination Droits de l'Homme à Dakhla	11 September 2015
Hammada El Baihi	Forum Social pour le Développement Humain de Laâyoune	14 September 2015
Saida Brahim-Bouneb, President	Groupe inter-parlementaire d'Amitié Algérie-Sahara Occidental	14 September 2015
Lyes Saadi		14 September 2015
Agaila Abba Hemeida		14 September 2015
Juvenal Urízar Alfaro		14 September 2015
Javier Couso Permuy	European Parliament Intergroup Peace in Western Sahara	14 September 2015
Ahmedou Hmayen		14 September 2015
Mula Ihfid Sid Ahmed	Saharawi Students Collective Abroad	14 September 2015
Mahjouba Daoudi	Sahara Medias Center	14 September 2015
Kathryn Cameron Porter	Leadership Council for Human Rights	14 September 2015
Shoji Matsumoto		15 September 2015
Adalberto C. Agozino		15 September 2015
Sayumi Onodera	Sapporo Institute for International Solidarity	15 September 2015
Nykaky Lygeros		15 September 2015
Salka Dahi Bachir		15 September 2015

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Gilonne d'Origny		15 September 2015
Stéphane Domingues Rodrigues		15 September 2015
Suraiya It		16 September 2015
Lin-Joël Ndembet		16 September 2015
Rakiya Eddarhem		16 September 2015
Erica Vásquez		17 September 2015
Khairallah Khairallah		18 September 2015
Elisa Walleska Krüger Alves da Costa		18 September 2015
Charles Wilson, Coordinating Director	International Sahrawi Friendship Association	18 September 2015
Mahfoud Bouad		21 September 2015
Eduardo Arroyo Laguna		21 September 2015
Diego Morera	Association for Peace in Western Sahara	21 September 2015
Mahmoud Oublal	Diaspora Sahraouie en Belgique	22 September 2015
Craig Browne	Western Sahara Action Forum	22 September 2015
Jean-Marie Ntantu-Mey		25 September 2015
Kirby Gookin	Western Saharan Human Rights Watch	25 September 2015
Lahcen Mahraoui	CORCAS	25 September 2015
Ava-Marie Marino		25 September 2015
Katlyn Thomas		25 September 2015
Ahmed Boukhari, Representative	Frente POLISARIO	25 September 2015
Pamela Yates	CEAS-Sahara	25 September 2015
David Lippiatt, President	WE International Inc.	25 September 2015
Suzanne Scholte, President	Defense Forum Foundation	25 September 2015
Maya Sahli Fadel		25 September 2015
Smail Debeche		25 September 2015
Boulmerka Hassiba		25 September 2015
Belaxis Buil		25 September 2015

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
David Riker	FEDISSAH	25 September 2015
Allan Joseph Nairn	FEMAS SAHARA	25 September 2015
Manuel Ollé Sesé, Director, Legal Department	APDHE	25 September 2015
José Antonio Gimbernat Ordeig	Federación de Asociaciones para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos — España	25 September 2015
Nouria Hafsi, Secretary-General	L'Union nationale des femmes algériennes (UNFA)	25 September 2015
Giuseppe Romanini	Intergroup of the Italian Parliament of Friendship with the Saharawi People	25 September 2015
Edgar Eduardo Prada Pradilla, President	Logos International University	25 September 2015
Mantallah Addi		25 September 2015

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Questions relating to information

Letter dated 29 October 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to the facts of the persecution of journalists, which has been increasing lately in the world, especially in some European countries. In 2014-2015, we saw multiple cases of punitive measures against the mass media in Ukraine. In this period, journalists Anton Voloshin and Igor Korneliuk, cameraman Andrey Stenin and Anatoly Klyan, Italian photographer Andrea Rocchelli and his interpreter Andrey Mironov were killed. There was an assassination attempt against RT journalist Fedor Zavaleikov. Journalists from Channel One, Life News, Zvezda and NTV were illegally detained.

On 16 September 2015, the President of Ukraine authorized sanctions against some people and organizations. Among them were representatives of the mass media from the information agencies Rossiya Segodnya, Kazakhstan News and TASS, the television channels Ruptly, RT, Channel One and Rossiya 24, and the newspapers Izvestia and Rossiyskaya Gazeta. In addition the Ukrainian Parliament prohibited the accreditation of Russian media at Ukrainian State institutions.

During the period 2014-2015, on several occasions, Lithuania cut Russian television broadcasts on its territory under speculative pretexts. In Estonia, Russian journalists Marina Perekrestova and Dmitry Lanin were apprehended and, after interrogation, their personal data were made public. The authorities of the Republic of Moldova have a habit of expelling undesired journalists, such as D. Kiselev, A. Kondrashov, A. Balitskiy and A. Ameliushkin, or proclaiming them persona non grata, such as in the case of A. Gasparyan. Just several days ago, Latvia fined First Baltic Channel for the "biased" coverage of some events.

Not only do these shameful actions represent a flagrant assault against journalists themselves as human beings, but they also preclude the general public from obtaining information from different sources, thus committing a violation of international law and human rights.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 58.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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